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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14, 18 and 21-25 stand rejected for the reasons indicated in the Office Action. In response, claims 2-5 and 13 have been canceled, claims 1, 12 and 20 have been amended and new claims 27-170 have been added. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of these amendments is requested.

With Respect to the Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Paragraph 4, Pages 2-3 of the Office Action:

Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14, 18 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,009,239 to Cohen et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,839,447 to Lesser et al. Claim 3 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 3, claims 2-5 and 13 have been canceled, claim 12 has been amended to make the language consistent with amended claim 1, and claim 20 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, amended claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and claims 6-12 and 14-26 depend on amended claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is hereby requested.

With Respect to the New Claims:

Claims 27-170 have been added to this application.

Claim 27 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1 and 4.

Claims 28-47 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 5-11 and 14-26 and depend on new claim 27.

Claim 48 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1 and 6. Claims 49-72 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 2-5 and 7-26 and depend on new claim 48.

Claim 73 contains the limitation of previously pending claims 1 and 7. Claims 74-93 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 2-5, 9-11, and 14-26 and depend on new claim 73.

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Claim 94 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1, 14 and 15. Claims 95-117 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 2-13 and 16-26 and depend on new claim 94.

Claim 118 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1 and 17. Claims 119-142 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 2-16 and 18-26 and depend on new claim 118.

Claim 143 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1 and 19. Claims 144-167 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 2-18 and 20-26 and depend on new claim 143.

Claim 168 contains the limitations of previously pending claims 1 and 26. Claims 169-170 contain the limitations of previously pending claims 24 and 25 and depends on new claim 168.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant believes that all pending claims, claims 1, 6-12 and 14-170, are now believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is requested. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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No fee is believed due in connection with this communication. If, however, any fee is owed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

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